

#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

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# DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS' RAPID RESPONSE TEAM TO HOLD TWO ADDITIONAL INFORMATIONAL BRIEFINGS

Briefings will Focus on Assistance for Dislocated Workers for ATA Airlines, Aloha Air, and Weyerhaeuser

DLIR also Announces Locations and Times for Statewide Job Fairs.

HONOLULU - The Hawai'i Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) announced that it will hold two additional informational briefings for dislocated workers of ATA Air Lines, Aloha Air and Weyerhaeuser. The two sessions are being held to accommodate workers who were unable to attend prior sessions conducted by the DLIR and other state agencies.

The sessions are scheduled to be held at the following:

DATE: April 8, 2008

TIME: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION: 830 Punchbowl Street, Suite 310 – 314

Honolulu

DATE: April 9, 2008

TIME: 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Neil Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall

Honolulu

The state's multi-agency Rapid Response Team, comprised of staff from the DLIR's Workforce Development Division and Unemployment Insurance Division, Department of Human Resources and Development, Department Human Services, Department of Hawaiian Homelands and Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, will provide an array of services for the dislocated workers, including skills assessment, individual counseling, career planning, employment development, occupational skills training, on-the-job training, entrepreneurial training, job-readiness training and adult education.

Participants will also be provided information regarding welfare assistance and medical benefits. Project participants may also receive out-of-area job search assistance, relocation assistance and other related supportive services. Support services may include childcare, transportation assistance and job-related certifications, uniforms and equipment.

The DLIR also announced the dates and times of statewide job fairs that will be held through out the state next week.

#### **UPCOMING JOB FAIRS:**

- East Hawai'i Tuesday April 8, 9 a.m. to noon Hawai'i County Conference Room 101 Pauahi Street, Hilo
- City and Local Businesses Wednesday, April 9, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Neal Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall
   777 Ward Ave., Honolulu
- Career, College & Job Fair Thursday, April 10, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Leeward Community College 96-045 Ala Ike St., Pearl City
- West Hawai'i Friday, April 11, 9 a.m. to noon King Kamehameha Hotel 75-5660 Palani Rd, Kailua-Kona
- Moloka'i Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m. 2 p.m. Kūlana 'Ōiwi Hālau, Kaunakakai
- Kaua'i Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
  Kukui Grove Shopping Center
  3-2600 Kaumualii Hwy., Lihu'e

"It is imperative that the state do all it can to ensure that everyone effected by the recent closures, have the opportunity to understand and access the public assistance that is available to them," said Darwin L.D. Ching, Director of Labor and Industrial Relations. "We encourage those affected by

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recent business closures to take advantage of the two new informational briefings we have scheduled April 8 and 9, as well as the upcoming job fairs throughout the state."

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**Enclosures** 

Services provided by the DLIR's Rapid Response team include the following:

- A. Skills assessment
- B. Individual counseling
- C. Career planning
- D. Employment development
- E. Occupational skills training
- F. On-the-job training
- G. Entrepreneurial training
- H. Job-readiness training and adult education.

Project participants may also receive out-of-area job search assistance, relocation assistance and other related supportive services. Support services may include childcare, transportation assistance and job related certifications, uniforms and equipment.

# INFORMATIONAL MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, APRIL 8 and 9, 2008

(See www.hawaii.gov/labor for location and time)

- I. Introduction: Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR), Department of Human Services (DHS), Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD), Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) (10 minutes)
- II. DLIR Unemployment Compensation Session (30 minutes with Q&A)
- III. DHS Assistance Session (20 minutes with Q&A)
  - a. Food Stamps / Other benefits
  - b. Medicaid / Quest
- IV. DLIR Workforce Development, DHRD & DBEDT Session (20 minutes with Q&A)
- V. DHHL Assistance Session
  - a. Identification of lessees and credit counseling signup
- VI. Individual Q & A
- VII. See attached for Important Telephone Contact Numbers
  - a. See DLIR's website: www.hawaii.gov/labor

#### IMPORTANT TELEPHONE CONTACT NUMBERS

#### Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

Director's Office: 808-586-8844

Unemployment Insurance Tele-Claim Number: 808-643-5555 Unemployment Insurance Weekly Filing Number: 808-643-2222 Unemployment Insurance Toll Free Number: 1-877-215-5793

Unemployment Insurance Claim Office: 808-586-9070

Honolulu Claims Office: 808-586-8970 Waipahu Claims Office: 808-675-0030 Kane'ohe Claims Office: 808-233-3677 Hilo Branch Office: 808-974-4086 Kona Branch Office: 808-322-4822 Maui Branch Office: 808-984-8400

Kaunakakai Claims Office: 808-553-1750 Kaua'i Branch Office: 808-274-3043

Workforce Development Office: 808-586-8877

Honolulu Office: 808-586-8700 Waipahu Office: 808-675-0010 Kane'ohe Office: 808-233-3700 Kapolei Office: 808-692-7630 Hilo Office: 808-981-2860 Kona Office: 808-327-4770 Maui Office: 808-984-2091 Kaunakakai Office: 808-553-1755 Kaua'i Office: 808-274-3056

#### Department of Human Services

Director's Office: 808-586-4997 / Information: 808-586-4882

## Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Chairman's Office: 808-586-3801 / Information: 808-586-3840

East Hawai'i Office: 808-974-4250 West Hawai'i Office: 808-887-6053

Maui Office: 808-760-5120 Moloka'i Office: 808-560-6104 Kaua'i Office: 808-274-3131

## <u>Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism</u>

Director's Office: 808-586-2355 / Information: 808-586-2423

#### Department of Human Resources Development

Director's Office: 808-587-1100